

Honey

Arizona's 2002 honey production was estimated at 2.4 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2001. Average yield from the 38,000 honey producing colonies was 63 pounds, up 4 pounds from last year.

Prices for the 2002 honey crop averaged \$1.10 per pound, up 38 cents from last year. The value of the honey produced by Arizona apiarists was estimated at \$2.6 million, an increase of 44 percent from 2001.

Estimates of honey production and colonies represent operations where honey is taken from colonies for sale or human consumption. Honey produced by beekeepers with fewer than five colonies is not included. Packaged bees and bees for pollination are included only if some honey was removed for human consumption.

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, and Value 1/

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Honey producing colonies (1,000)	32	42	55	52	40	43	38
Yield per colony (Lbs)	60	80	60	62	59	59	63
Production (1,000 Lbs)	1,920	3,360	3,300	3,224	2,360	2,537	2,394
Average price per pound (Dollars)	0.85	0.72	0.64	0.62	0.73	0.72	1.10
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	1,632	2,419	2,112	1,999	1,723	1,827	2,633

1/ December 1 previous year through November 30.

Honey Production & Price 1996-2002

